GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation of trains on the meter gauge and narrow gauge has been proving economically unviable for the Railways;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the average annual estimated loss incurred by the Railways on account of it ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. By operation of trains on the metre gauge and narrow gauge lines, Indian Railways have incurred a loss of Rs. 2977 crores and Rs. 2771 crores during 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively.

(c) Progressive gauge conversion is expected to reduce the losses.